

GALLUP POLL REPORTS GROWING PARTISANSHIP ON CUBA

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Comparing its current figures with those reported in February, the Gallup Poll concludes that "growing partisan overtones mark the American public's attitude toward the Kennedy administration's handling of Cuba."

Republicans now register majority dissatisfaction (52%); and during this month dissatisfaction among Independents has increased from 29% to 39%. Among Democrats, the shift is only from 16% to 19%. Dr. Gallup comments that "most Democrats are holding firm behind the President, frequently using the argument that a shooting war is the only alternative to what is being done currently."

The following question was asked in both surveys:

"In general, would you say that you are satisfied or dissatisfied with the way the Kennedy administration has been handling the Cuba situation in recent weeks?"

	<u>National</u>		<u>Repubs.</u>		<u>Democrats</u>		<u>Independ.</u>	
	<u>Feb.</u>	<u>Today</u>	<u>Feb.</u>	<u>Today</u>	<u>Feb.</u>	<u>Today</u>	<u>Feb.</u>	<u>Today</u>
Satisfied	56%	52%	36%	33%	69%	67%	55%	43%
Dissatisfied	28	33	48	52	16	19	29	39
No opinion	16	15	16	15	15	14	16	18
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Differences among the 4 geographical regions of the country are less marked, but nevertheless of some interest. Today the Midwest evinces greatest satisfaction (57%); the South least (45%).

	<u>EAST</u>		<u>SOUTH</u>		<u>MIDWEST</u>		<u>FAR WEST</u>	
	<u>Feb.</u>	<u>Today</u>	<u>Feb.</u>	<u>Today</u>	<u>Feb.</u>	<u>Today</u>	<u>Feb.</u>	<u>Today</u>
Satisfied	59%	54%	52%	45%	57%	57%	53%	49%
Dissatisfied	27	32	28	37	26	23	28	37
No opinion	14	14	20	18	17	15	19	14
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%